

separated from one another by a proton-conducting membrane, and an anode feeder for delivering a liquid coolant/fuel mixture to the anode compartment, comprising:

passing water through the proton-conducting membrane from the anode compartment into the cathode compartment; and

evaporating the water passing into the cathode compartment, whereby the evaporation of the water cools the coolant/fuel mixture in the anode compartment. --


#### REMARKS

Entry of the amendments to the specification and claims before examination of the application is respectfully requested. These claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and to put the claims in better form for prosecution. These claims patentably define over the art of record.

If there are any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment or this application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees, be charged, or any overpayment in fees

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